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For: METHOD OF DRYING THERMOPLASTIC
NORBORNENE RESIN THE SUBSTRATE
FOR MAGNETIC STORAGE MEDIA USING
THE THERMOPLASTIC NORBORNENE

SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed
May 2, 2003 (Paper No. 8), applicant hereby provisionally elects claims Group I: claims 1-4 and
17-20 drawn to a method for drying a thermoplastic norbornene resin and injection molding the
resin to form a substrate for a magnetic recording medium, classified in class 34, subclass 406 for
continued examination, with traverse.

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